



Southeast Fishery Bulletin

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NOAA Fisheries Announces a Proposed Rule for Headboats in the South Atlantic (Comment Period Ends October 28, 2013)

NOAA Fisheries has published a proposed rule to implement the For-Hire Reporting Amendment, which includes:

- Amendment 31 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region.
- Amendment 6 for the Dolphin and Wahoo Fishery of the Atlantic.
- Amendment 22 for the Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources in the Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico.

The Notice of Availability for the For-Hire Amendment published in the *Federal Register* on September 18, 2013 (78 FR 57339). The proposed rule published in the *Federal Register* on September 27, 2013 (78 FR 59641).

The proposed rule would require headboats fishing in the South Atlantic for snapper-grouper, dolphin and wahoo, and coastal migratory pelagics to submit weekly electronic fishing records to the Southeast Fisheries Science Center, or at intervals shorter than a week, if notified.

Request for Comments

Comments on the proposed rule **must be received no later than October 28, 2013**, to be considered by NOAA Fisheries. See the Addresses section for information on where and how to submit comments.

Addresses

The For-Hire Amendment may be obtained from:

- The NOAA Fisheries Web site
http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sustainable_fisheries/s_atl/2013/for_hire_reporting/index.html
- The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Web site at <http://www.safmc.net>.

You may submit comments by the following methods:

- Electronic Submission: Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to: <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2013-0080> click the "Comment Now!" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.
- Mail: NOAA Fisheries
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NOAA Fisheries will accept anonymous comments. Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word, Excel, WordPerfect, or Adobe PDF file formats only. Comments received through means not specified in this bulletin may not be considered.

More Information

For more information on the For Hire Amendment and the proposed rule, please click on this link to the Frequently Asked Questions found at:

http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sustainable_fisheries/s_atl/2013/for_hire_reporting/index.html.